

NOTICE!

To all Whom it may Concern.

Whereas, divers foul crimes and outrages against the persons and property of the citizens of Montana, have been lately committed, and,

WHEREAS, the power of the Civil Authorities, though exerted to its full extent, is frequently insufficient to prevent their commission, and to punish the perpetrators thereof,

Now this is to warn and notify all whom it may concern, that the

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

Composed of the citizens of the Territory, have determined to take these matters into their own hands, and to

Inflict Summary Punishment

Upon any and all malefactors, in every case where the civil authorities are unable to enforce the proper penalty of the law. The practice of drawing deadly weapons, except as a last resort, for the defense of life, being dangerous to society, and in numerous instances, leading to affrays and bloodshed, notice is hereby given, that the same is prohibited, and offenders against this regulation will be summarily dealt with. In all cases the committee will respect and sustain the action of the civil authorities. This notice will not be repeated, but will remain in full force and effect from this date.

By order of the

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE.

September 19th, 1865.